1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Marko Adam et al.

Serial No.: 10/598,655

Date Filed: September 7, 2006

Group Art Unit: 2833 Confirmation No.: 8579

Examiner: Unassigned

Title: METHOD FOR MOUNTING A CONTACT

PIN FOR A PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT,

SLEEVE, AND ACTUATOR UNIT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), legible copies of any foreign patents, unpublished U.S. applications, and/or non-patent published documents cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 are being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement. Consistent with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), this submission does not constitute an admission or representation that the submitted reference(s) is/are material to the patentability of the subject matter disclosed in the application.

Applicants submit U.S. or English equivalent patent documents for any foreign patent documents which are not translated in English, to assist the Examiner in the review and consideration of the foreign references listed on the attached PTO-Form 1449.

Foreign Patent	U.S. /English Equivalent
DE 198 18 068 A1	US 6 274 967
DE 197 15 488 C1	US 6 316 863

Applicants believe no fees are due for this Information Disclosure Statement; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. Attorneys for Applicants

Andreas H. Grubert Reg. No. 59,143

Date: April 16, 2007

Correspondence Address: Customer No. **31625**

512.322.2545 512.322.8383(Fax)

Page 1 of 1 Application No. Applicant(s) PTO-1449 10/598,655 Marko Adam et al. **Information Disclosure Citation** Docket Number Group Art Unit Filing Date in an Application 2833 071308.0765 September 7, 2006 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT NO. DATE CLASS **SUBCLASS** FILING DATE NAME 08/22/99 A. 6 274 967 08/14/01 Zumstrull et al. 310 328 В. 6 3 1 6 8 6 3 11/13/01 Schuh et al. 310 328 03/31/98 C. D. E. F. G. H. l. J. K. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATION SUBCLASS DOCUMENT NO. DATE COUNTRY CLASS YES NO 0 485 995 A1 05/20/92 EP H01L 41/08 X L. DE H01L 41/047 X M. 197 15 488 C1 06/25/98 H01L 41/083 X N. 98/47188 A2 10/22/98 WO (w/abstract) O. 197 15 487 A1 10/22/98 DE (w/abstract) H₀₂N 2/02 X DE H₀₂N 2/04 X P. 198 18 068 10/28/99 H01L 41/083 Х Q. 2004/004021 A2 01/08/04 WO (w/abstract) X 01/29/04 DE (w/abstract) H₀₂N 2/02 R. 102 29 494 A1 S. 2005/035972 A1 04/21/05 WO (w/abstract) F02M 61/16 X NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT (Including Author, Title, Source, and Pertinent Pages) DATE International Search Report and Written Opinion for International Patent Application No. T. 05/11/05 PCT/EP2005/050774 (17 pages) U. ٧. W. X. DATE CONSIDERED **EXAMINER**

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not

considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.